

the years, it became evident just how much he cared about the seniors of Ocean County, and this commitment never ceased to amaze me.

On November 25, 2005, Phil passed away at the age of 89. He led a full and purpose-driven life, and I can say with confidence on behalf of all of the seniors in Ocean County and myself that he will be missed.

CONGRATULATING REVEREND OTIS SNEED, JR. UPON HIS CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED OFFICE OF BISHOP ACCORDING TO THE APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2005

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize Reverend Otis Sneed, Jr., Pastor of God's Church International Fellowship in Atlanta upon his recent consecration to the sacred office of Bishop according to the Apostolic Succession. I offer him my sincere congratulations and thanks for his continued commitment to transforming inner city communities.

Through his strong faith and Christian principles Bishop Sneed has bridged the racial, economic, social, educational and generational gaps in our community. He has served the metro Atlanta community with integrity and honesty. His service to my district has been invaluable and I wish him continued success in all his future endeavors. I ask that the Consecration documents be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

THE INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF
REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

MANDATE OF CONSECRATION

Be it known to all that the Holy Synod of the International Fellowship of Reformed Episcopal Churches has approved the consecration of The Reverend Odis Sneed, Jr. of God's Church International Fellowship with jurisdiction over the State of Georgia and its environs.

Let it be recorded that the very Reverend Duane Ganther of Los Angeles, California is the presenter of this candidate. Said consecration is scheduled to take place at The Elim International Fellowship, The Protestant Cathedral in Brooklyn, New York on Saturday, October the fifteenth at 10:00 am in the year of our Lord, two thousand and five.

Given under our seals at the Archdiocesan office 20 Madison Street, Brooklyn, New York, on Wednesday, September twenty-first, two thousand and five in the year of our Lord.

WILBERT STERLING

MCKINLEY,

Patriarch.

TREVOR DOMINIC BENTLEY,

Exarch.

CERTIFICATE OF CONSECRATION

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

Be it known to all present that we by divine right Patriarch of the International Fellowship of Reformed Episcopal Churches did on this the fifteenth day of October in the year of Our Lord two thousand and five ordain and consecrate our well beloved in Christ,

THE REVEREND ODIS SNEED, JR.

TO THE OFFICE OF BISHOP

Of the one true Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church and appoint him Bishop of Georgia with his see in Atlanta.

Of whose spiritual advancement, love of the Lord Jesus Christ, educational qualifications and knowledge of Holy Scriptures we are well acquainted,

Given under our seal and signature

In this our thirty-third year of Episcopacy

MOST REVEREND WILBERT

S. MCKINLEY,

Consecrator.

MOST REVEREND TREVOR D.

BENTLEY,

Co-consecrator.

MOST REVEREND MICHAEL

RENE LUNSFORD.

INCARDINATION

INTO

THE INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF

REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

OF

GOD'S CHURCH INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

INSTRUMENT OF INTERCOMMUNION

IN THE NAME OF THE MOST HOLY AND

INDIVISIBLE TRINITY.

ARTICLE I

The International Fellowship of Reformed Episcopal Churches, recognize with gratitude that they are living in a far reaching community of belief of the transmitted Catholic faith as defined in the Holy Scripture and the ecumenical creeds of Nicea and Constantinople. They rejoice in their joint recognition of the divine Revelation and their transmission in the Catholic evidence of Holy Scripture, and in the Apostolic tradition of the Church of all ages of which both are an integral part.

ARTICLE II

The Reformed Episcopal Churches recognize the ecclesiastical office as it is vested in and derived from the Apostolic Succession and personified in the Bishops of the Church as the legal successor of the Apostles.

ARTICLE III

The Reformed Episcopal Churches recognize that the Grace of God is received through prayer and the faithful keeping of the ordinances of Holy Scripture.

ARTICLE IV

The Reformed Episcopal Churches hold the conviction that the Church in all her nuances cannot be subservient to God's intention in the world if she is torn asunder and divided by strife, discord and confusion to the detriment of herself or her mentor, we not only form a part of a unique people, a royal priesthood but the one body of Christ whose mission is to be an anticipating and active sign of the final union of all things, when God in Christ will be all in all.

ARTICLE V

To be shown trustworthy that the Church receives all her life from and through Jesus Christ and the Holy Scriptures. The various Christian denominations must help and correct each other in spite of all differences inherent to mankind and cooperate in all matters which relate to the mission and welfare of the Church, known as "The One Holy Apostolic Church" (Una Sancta et Apostolica Ecclesia), the spiritual home of all who confess Jesus Christ as their Lord, Redeemer and Saviour.

ARTICLE VI

Realizing that the above Churches live in and form a common Catholic faith, The International Fellowship of Reformed Episcopal Churches and God's Church International Church take the view of declare publicly that nothing exists between the above Churches which hinders a full communion in Sacris, so that while continuing individually autonomous and independent, a definite form of agreement of the above Churches is possible. This means in fact:

a. Mutual recognition of the validity of their administrations without any restrictions.

b. Mutual admission to Word and Ordinances.

c. Mutual aid to clergy and members of both Churches as able, if need should arise.

d. Cooperation and consultation in the field of general polity and ecclesiastical affairs.

e. Affiliated prelates must attend the Biannual Synodical Convention at a time and place as indicated by the Secretary General of the Synod.

f. Affiliated prelates must submit semi-annual reports to the Archepiscopal offices at 20 Madison Street, Brooklyn, New York.

ARTICLE VII

The Churches acknowledge and bow to the infallibility of Holy Scriptures and thereby are bound by its dictates. Be it clearly stated that no one will be ordained or elevated to the Office of Bishop according to the Apostolic Succession without the consent of the Archbishops, Patriarch, Primate, Metropolitan, and President, meeting in a duly constituted consultative Synod.

Given under our hands and seals:

duly authorized by the Universal Canons as exist in Holy Scripture

WILBERT S. MCKINLEY,

Patriarch.

TREVOR D. BENTLEY,

Exarch.

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR RICHARD C. SNYDER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2005

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of former Mayor Mr. Richard C. Snyder of Sanger, California. He is survived by his two children Richard A. Snyder, daughter Jerry Ann Latham, four grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and his childhood sweetheart and wife of 59 years, Pearl Snyder.

Mr. Snyder was a well respected man who always put his family and friends first. The residents of Sanger continue to appreciate the work he has done to better their community and lives.

Born on May 6, 1922, Mr. Snyder was destined to live a happy and full life. He graduated from Sierra High School and spent four years of his life serving his country in the United States Air Force. Upon returning from service, Richard married his childhood sweetheart, Pearl on June 12, 1946.

Richard was a man of principle. He served the residents of Sanger, California as a council member, mayor pro tempore, and mayor for a combined total of twenty years.

In addition, Mr. Snyder volunteered as the Assistant Fire Chief for the Sanger Fire Department for 18 years. His kind nature and concern for others led the citizens of Sanger to honor him with the City of Sanger Citation of Appreciation Award on March 3, 1964.

The Sanger Eagles, Veterans of Foreign Affairs, and AmVets are just some of the many organizations of which Richard was a member. A highly decorated veteran, he was the recipient of the Soldier Medal of Valor, Good Conduct Medal, and Distinguished Unit Badge.

Mr. Snyder enjoyed fishing, hunting, swimming, but most of all he loved to spend time